## PUBLIC NOTICE

## Request for Statement of Qualification Request for Proposals

Notice is hereby given that interested parties may submit statements of qualification and proposals for services to be performed for the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Water Pollution Control. The services to be performed include training of wastewater treatment plant operators throughout rural Nevada, developing evaluations on deficiencies at specific rural wastewater treatment systems, assessing and assisting the maintenance of Native American Community Treatment Plants, and addressing governing boards of rural wastewater utilities on concerns regarding their facilities. Additionally, security surveys to assess the vulnerability of rural treatment plants to acts of terrorism and vandalism will be conducted. Some of the instruction will be carried out in cooperation with volunteers from the Nevada Water Environment Association.

On September 25, 2002, the Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Division of Environmental Protection received approval notification from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) for a 104 (g)(l) Operator Training grant application. The financial assistance from the EPA was in the amount of \$42,500 to cover the contract service listed above from the period of July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2004. Subsequent annual allotments equal to this amount are anticipated from the USEPA for the years beyond June 30, 2004.

This proposed contract will be in force for the period of three (3) years. A scope of work will be negotiated prior to the beginning of each State Fiscal Year. The prospective contractor must realize that issuance and/or the continuation of the contract is subject to compliance with applicable requirements of Federal and State Contracting Procedures, the availability of funding, and successful negotiation of the scope of work.

Proposals for this service will be scored using criteria identified in the scope of work. The firm deemed the best qualified to assist the Division in carrying out the training will be invited to negotiate a contract award. The contract shall be awarded through the competitive proposal method with the award based on the initial submittals alone.

All statements and proposals <u>must</u> be submitted in triplicate no later than February 14, 2003 to the office of:

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For further information and a scope of work, please contact Joseph Maez at (775) 687-9431